Restructuring of Indian Banks

1455. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has indicated to government that it will not be easy to promote private sector participation in India's nationalised banks; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the World Bank required greater management autonomy and substantial reforms in industrial relations since the banking industry is one of the most highly unionised in the country whether Government has taken any steps in this direction; if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the comments of the World Bank on the proposed restructuring and recapitalisation of Indian bank in its recent report on India; and

(d) whether Government are going to act on the recent World Bank report mentioned if so, in what manner and to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) In the course of the recent discussion with the World Bank Mission in July/August, 1993, the Mission did not comment on the feasibility of private sector participation in India's nationalised banks. The Mission has not given any aide memoire.

(b) In the discussions with World Bank the issue of management autonomy and reforms in industrial relations were discussed but no 'requirement' has been imposed.

(c) and (d) Government has not received any report of the World Bank in the recent past regarding restructuring and recapitalisation of Indian banks.

Euro-Issue of M/s. Bombay Dyeing

1456. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposed Euro-Issue of M/s. Bombay Dyeing;

(b) if so, whether this approval is within the prescribed guidelines of the Government/SEBI on the subject;

(c) whether Government are aware that the money so raised is likely to be used for acquiring shares at discounted rates; and

(d) if so, whether it is according to Government's Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) In conformity with the prescribed guidelines, Government of India have approved the proposal of M/s Bombay Dyeing & Manufacturing Company Ltd. for the issue of shares through the Global Depositary Receipt Mechanism.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

NRI's Deposits

1457. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the out-flow from Non-Resident Indians (NRI) deposits in the first half of the current financial year is estimated to be higher than the outflow of $ 158 million in the same period of 1992-93 particularly in September, 1993 alone;

(b) whether NRIs' deposits in Foreign Currency Non-Resident Account (FCNRA) and in Non-Resident (External) Rupee

Account (NRERA) are increasing or decreasing in April—September, 1993, indicating the total outflow/inflow as compared to 1991-92 period; and

(c) what is the total external aid receipt for the Centre during the first-half of 1993-94 as compared to a gross aid receipt during April—September, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No Sir. There has been no net outflow against various Deposit Schemes of the Non-Resident Indians during the first half of the current financial year. There has, on the contrary been a net inflow.

(b) There has been a net outflow of $ 778 million during April—September, 1993 from Foreign Currency Non-Resident Account and Non-Resident (External) Rupee Account schemes as against a total net outflow of $1660 million during the financial year 1991-92.

(c) The total external aid receipts during April—September, 1993 has been Rs. 2366.47 crores as against Rs. 3076.40 crores during April to September, 1992. The higher inflow in 1992-93 is accounted for by fast disbursement loans.

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तमिलनाडु में क्षेत्रिय ग्रामीण बैंक

1459. श्री एस० आस्वीन: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान तमिलनाडु में क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंकों की और अधिक शाखाएं खोलने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और उक्त शाखाएं कहां-कहां खोली जाएंगी ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय कृषि और ग्रामीण विकास बैंक (नाबार्ड) ने सूचित किया है कि चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान तमिलनाडु में क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंक की शाखाएं खोलने के लिए उन्हें कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

World Bank Aid for Poverty Alleviation

1460. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount received by Government from World Bank for Poverty Alleviation Programme during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93, separately for each year;

(b) the amount spent out of the total amount received by Government on this account; and

(c) the reasons for not spending the remaining amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No specific amount has been received from World Bank for Poverty Alleviation Programme during last two years.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Merger of Associate Banks of SBI

QUESTION

1461. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has intensified on the need for reducing the number of banks in the country in private sector to make them commercially viable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a proposal was mooted to merge several associate banks of SBI;